



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 858***

LCO No. 2629



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:  
(INS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
TELEMEDICINE SERVICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1      Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2014*) (a) As used in this  
2      section, "telemedicine" means the use of interactive audio, interactive  
3      video or interactive data communication in the delivery of medical  
4      advice, diagnosis, care or treatment, and includes the types of services  
5      described in subsection (d) of section 20-9 of the general statutes.  
6      "Telemedicine" does not include the use of facsimile or audio-only  
7      telephone.

8      (b) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of  
9      the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section  
10     38a-469 of the general statutes delivered, issued for delivery, renewed,  
11     amended or continued in this state shall provide coverage for medical  
12     advice, diagnosis, care or treatment provided through telemedicine to  
13     the same extent coverage is provided for such advice, diagnosis, care  
14     or treatment when provided through in-person consultation between  
15     the insured and a health care provider. Such coverage shall be subject

16 to the same terms and conditions applicable to all other benefits under  
17 such policy.

18       Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2014*) (a) As used in this section,  
19 "telemedicine" means the use of interactive audio, interactive video or  
20 interactive data communication in the delivery of medical advice,  
21 diagnosis, care or treatment, and includes the types of services  
22 described in subsection (d) of section 20-9 of the general statutes.  
23 "Telemedicine" does not include the use of facsimile or audio-only  
24 telephone.

25       (b) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the  
26 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-  
27 469 of the general statutes delivered, issued for delivery, renewed,  
28 amended or continued in this state shall provide coverage for medical  
29 advice, diagnosis, care or treatment provided through telemedicine to  
30 the same extent coverage is provided for such advice, diagnosis, care  
31 or treatment when provided through in-person consultation between  
32 the insured and a health care provider. Such coverage shall be subject  
33 to the same terms and conditions applicable to all other benefits under  
34 such policy.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2014</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require health insurance coverage of medical advice, diagnosis, care or treatment provided through telemedicine if such advice, diagnosis, care or treatment is covered when provided through in-person consultation.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*